

The silencing of Sattelite radio is the worst thing that the government and the NAB can do for the broadcast radio industry. I work in the regular, apparently threatened, area of local broadcast radio in Phoenix, Arizona. I no way is XM competition for local radio. It is mearly a different mode of entertainment. The great thing about a capitalist society is that we are given choices and the choice is ours to make, not an aristocratic tyrant. If anything the proliferation of new radio channels should make competition more fierce and maybe the giant Clear Channel radio will start to localize their shows as well to compete with XM Sattelite radio. The NAB should embrace the challanges placed upon them and encourage programmers to work a little harder to keep their audiences. There are plenty of ears to reach in this nation and sattelite radio is just trying to reache their fair share. If local material is not encouraged in sattelite radio then cabel and sattelite television providers should not be allowed to carry local feeds or information as well. It's only fitting that rules be applied to all forms of communication. Don't try to restrict progress, it will come eventually whether it's wanted or not.